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WE UNDERSTAND BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR DATT ORIENTATION
VISIT TO EAST TIMOR REPORTED IN IR 6 845 0346 78. HOWEVER
THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT TRIPS TO TERRITORY BY U.S.
MILITARY OFFICERS COULD LEND FALSE PLAUSIBILITY TO RECENT
FRETILIN CHARGES OF U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT
SUCH TRIPS COULD BE INTERPRETED BY GOI AS USG SUPPORT FOR
MILITARY OPERATIONS (RATHER THAN CIVILIAN RELIEF OPERA-
TIONS). THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT FOR TIME BEING ANY
PROPOSED VISITS TO TERRITORY BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL,
DOD CIVILIANS OR CONTRACT PERSONNEL RELATED TO MILITARY
PROGRAMS (I.E., OV-10 MAINTENANCE TEAM AT MALANG) SHOULD
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BE COORDINATED WITH DEPARTMENT. IN VIEW GROWING PUBLIC
LINKAGE OF EAST TIMOR AND IRIAN JAYA, YOU SHOULD ALSO
CONSULT DEPARTMENT PRIOR AUTHORIZING ANY TRIPS BY SUCH
PERSONNEL TO IRIAN JAYA. CHRISTOPHER

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